level of US $ 32.4 billion during April—December, 2000-2001. Exports during the month of December, 2001 recorded a rise of 1.11% in dollar terms as compared to the exports of December, 2000.

**Decline in marine exports**

30. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the foreign exchange earned from marine exports during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that marine export declined during the last couple of years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures contemplated to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) The details of exports of marine products from the country during the last three years are given below:—

| Year | Value of exports (in million US $) |
|---|---|
| 1998-99 | 1107 |
| 1999-2000 | 1189 |
| 2000-2001 | 1416 |

(SOURCE: Marine Products Export Development Authority)

As may be seen from the table, there has been no decline in export of marine products from the country during the last couple of years.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.